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Harmony

Baptist Association,

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH,

-HELD WITH

LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

OCTOBER 28.25, 1897.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

T. E. MORRIS GOOD HOPE

CLERK AND TREASURER.

T. J. MOORE _____CARTHAGE

NEXT MEETING.

Walnut Grove, in Leake County, twenty miles north of Forest, on the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad.

TIME Saturday before fourth Sunday in October, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PREACHER INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—L. F. Gregory. ALTERNATE.—J. M. DOTSON.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LENA, MISS., October 23, 1897.

Harmony Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with Friendship Baptist church, in its forty-eighth annual session, on Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M. before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1897.

After reading the fourth chapter of Psalms and calling upon J. J. Ingram to lead in prayer, T. E. Morris, Moderator of last session, called the body to order.

S. H. Kirkland, of Forest, and M. P. Hendrick, of Lena, were appointed to read the letters from the churches as they should be handed in.

A Finance Committee was then appointed, composed of J. C. Parker, G. M. Bowling and P. C. Barnett.

As the letters were read, the following names were enrolled as delegates to the Association:

CARTHAGE CHURCH—J. L. McMillon, W. M. Cotten, N. F. Wallace, T. J. Moore.

CENTER HILL CHURCH-M. D. Allen, J. R. Flowers, J. B. Fulton.

GOOD HOPE CHURCH (Madison) J. P. Gober, R. M. Barrett, Joe Michell.

GOOD HOPE CHURCH (Leake)—J. N. Denson, T. E. Morris, G. W. Nutt, Green Bowling, Toll Gilbert, Henry Collier. HEBRON CHURCH—R. H. Adkinson, W. O. Thornton.

MT. ZION CHURCH—J. A. Henry, J. A. Thomas, L. W. Allen, J. L. Brantley.

MT. ZION CHURCH (Choctaw)—Allen Willis, Thomas Anderson.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH-J. S. McCorkle.

MIDWAY CHURCH-W. I. Phillips, S. W. Moore.

NEW HOPE CHURCH-T. B. Williams, J. D. Adams.

NEW UNION CHURCH-E. J. McKay, J. R. Scott.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH-V. G. Evans, W. E. Chambles.

ROCKY POINT CHURCH—W. P. Dorrill, J. J. Barnes, J. F. Lee, STANDING PINE CHURCH—P. C. Barnett, Frank Savill.

THOMASTOWN CHURCH—Hilburn Ellington, Hezekiah Stewart.

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH—B. W. Ferguson, J. C. Parker.

STUMP BRIDGE CHURCH—A. B. Coleman, J. M. Vinson.

NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH—J. D. Gross, S. W. Waggoner. HOPEWELL CHURCH (Choctaw)—F. P. S. Thombie, Scott

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FRIENDSHIP CHURCH—S. A. Moore, J. F. Cadenhead, T. J.

Meader, M. P. Hendrick.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH-C. C. Anderson, C. M. Byars.

The names of the delegates having been enrolled and the delegates declared seated, the Moderator announced that the body was ready to go into permanent organization.

By motion of J. N. Denson the officers of last session, T. E. Morris, Moderator, and T. J. Moore, Clerk and Treasurer, were elected the permanent officers of this session, by acclamation.

Upon a call for correspondence from other bodies, the following responded and their names were enrolled:

MT. PISGAH ASSOCIATION—J. J. Ingram.
SCOTT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Jesse Pearson, W. S. Ford.
SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION—S. H. Kirkland.

The Moderator appointed a committee on devotional exercises composed of J. A. Henry and V. G. Evans with the deacons and pastor of this (Friendship) church.

By motion the body took a recess of one and a half hours for dinner.

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Afternoon Session.

The body was led in prayer by E. T. Dendy.

The introductory sermon was then preached by T. J.

Moore. Subject, "Our riches through Christ's poverty."

Text, II Cor. 8:9.

A report of the trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute at Lena was read by their secretary, and pending a motion to adopt, enthusiastic and encouraging talks were made. The report was adopted, and by motion of T. J. Moore, the recommendation contained in the report concerning a better financial basis, was tabled subject to call at any time during the session:

Report of Trustees.

LENA. MISS., Oct. 25, 1897.—To the Harmony Baptist Association: The trustees of the Harmony Baptist Institute beg leave to make the following report:

Early after your last session, at which we were appointed, we met and mapped out as best we could the work that we would un-

dertake to accomplish during the year.

A plan and specifications for an additional building were adopted, a building committee appointed and the erection of the building entrusted into the hands of said committee.

At this meeting we decided that the Institute ought to have a President, who should be an experienced educator, possessed with good organizing and disciplinary powers, and that in council with him, we would employ the other necessary members of the faculty.

In pursuance of this plan, we ordered our Secretary to open correspondence with teachers of the desired qualifications and lay our situation before them that we might ascertain the prospects and probability of employing from among them one who would be deemed capable to fill the important position.

At our next meeting, as the result of the order above referred to, our Secretary read several letters before the Board of Trustess from teachers, some of whom were deemed very eminently qualified to fill the position; but at this juncture we began to realize that a great difficulty confronted us. Our financial basis was too uncertain to induce a man to take hold of it who posessed the qualifications we deemed necessary to fill the place well.

So after making every reasonable effort to put into operation our first plan, we were compelled to abandon it partially for the present. We then began negotiations with Profs. Cadenhead and Hendrick. which resulted in their employment as co-principals for an eight months term at a salary insured to them by us of \$900 and all that the school would pay above that amount. Prof. Cadenhead has been principal of Lena High School since its establishment three years ago. His marked success in that position has won for him the confidence of the people of Lena community to a very high He has had considerable experience as a teacher and has invariably proved himself an able instructor. Prof. Hendrick is a recent graduate from Lebanon, O., having especially qualified himself for teaching, and has had enough experience to prove his aptness and ability in the profession of his choice. The co-principals have employed Prof. - Hendrick as teacher of the primary department, who is a young man of some experience in that line of instruction, who is proving himself well fitted for the place. Miss Gulledge, the music teacher, has the knowledge of music and the tact for feaching it well combined, and those patronizing her department are perfectly delighted with her work.

Now, brethren, while we have not fully carried out our first plan. we take pleasure in commending to you the present faculty as energetic, fully competent, and in every way fitted for the present needs of the Institute. We have done the very best we could in securing a corps of teachers. We present them to you as in every way worthy of your esteem, your sympathy and your hearty support.

We believe yet that the Institute ought to have a President to take the oversight of the whole enterprise who should not be so closely donfined to the recitation room, but that he could frequently go among the people and keep the importance of education and of this educational enterprise constantly prominent in their minds; and at this point we would recommend that your body take steps at this session toward establishing such a financial basis that the Board of Trustees may have some sure financial basis upon which to operate in fully organizing and equipping this grand enterprise.

We desire to say that Profs. Cadenhead and Hendrick have spared no energy and have gone to considerable expense to make the present session a complete success. In addition to what time and money they have spent in canvassing among the people and advertising, they have by some means, and mostly at their personal expense without calling upon the Board of Trustees, furnished the Institute with a library containing over 500 volumes and five of the

best periodicals of the day.

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The people of the Lena community are coming up nobly to their obligations and are showing great confidence and a lively interest in the success of the enterprise. They are offering very liberal inducements to settlers who are interested in education, and we would say to such that now is the time to purchase a building place and what adjacent land you may need at Lena.

The school opened on the 14th day of September and has been conducted up to this time with extreme satisfaction to all interested. On account of the yellow fever scare and the very busy season of the year we have not had as many matriculates as we had hoped for, but taking these things into consideration, the attendance is very gratifying indeed. We confidently look for a greatly increased attendance about the first week in November.

Board is offered here cheaper than one could ask, considering the excellent quality. The price of board ranges from \$1.50 to \$3 per

We have on all occasions prayed for the guidance of God and have tried to be led by Him in what we have done as your servants, and, taking all things together, we flatter ourselves that we have great reason to be thankful that we are enabled to present a report of the situation of our cherished infant enterprise of which we think you should be justly proud, and with a continuation of God's guidance, your prayers and patronage, the Harmony Baptist Institue will rear itself among us a blessing to the land and a monument to the noble efforts of those who assist in its establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MORRIS, Chairman.

T. J. MOORE, Secretary.

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 o'clock A. M. conducted by G. W. Nutt.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preaching in the church by W. P. Dorrill, and in the school chapel by J. J. Ingram at 11 o'clock A. M.

Preaching in the church at 2:30 o'clock P. M. by W. S. Ford. Preaching in the church at 7:30 P. M. by J. M. Vinson.

J. A. HENRY, Chairman of Committee.

The Association adjourned to meet again Monday at 8 o'clock A. M.

Sunday Services.

Services were conducted on Sunday according to the above report of the committee on devotional exercises. Collections were taken up at the close of the 11 o'clock services for State Missions, amounting to \$22.55, and at the close of the 2:30 o'clock service a collection was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, amounting to \$7.65. W. P. Dorrill preached from two words as a text, which are to be found in Mark, 8:9. The words are "Jesus only." J. J. Ingram's text was Psalms, 116: 12. W. S. Ford preached from John, 3:14, 15. J. M. Vinson used as a text Luke, 24:26.

Third Day-Morning Session.

The body was led in prayer by C. C. Anderson.

The report on Obituaries was read, and after some discussion upon the Christian work and lives of some of those whom it pleased the Lord to take from us, the report was adopted, as follows:

Report on Obituaries.

We beg leave to report that since our last meeting there have been fifteen of our beloved brethren and sisters who have gone to our Father's home and eternal rest. Two of those called away were honored by their churches with the office of deacon, to wit: H. C. Harrison, deacon of Walnut Grove Baptist church, and W. D. Gross, deacon of New Providence Baptist church. This removing our brethren and sisters from among us should keep us constantly reminded that death is abroad in the land, and that we should ever heed the scriptural injunction, "Be ye also ready."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. VINSON.

E. J. MCKAY,

B. W. FERGUSON.

The report of the executive board was read and adopted, as follows:

Report of Executive Board of Harmony Baptist Association.

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held three meetings during the year, including fifth Sundays. We would recommend to this body that such steps be taken as will enable your next executive board to adopt some systematic plan for doing the much needed mission work within our bounds. E. T. Dendy was employed to investigate a certain mission point and report to the board, which took a day's time; and for which we allowed him \$1.50,

T. E. MORRIS, Chairman.

T. J. MOORE, Secretary.

The report of the committee on Missions was read and after being discussed by E. T. Dendy, W. P. Dorrill, J. M. Vinson, J. J. Ingram, J. N. Denson, W. C. Sessum and others, it was adopted, as follows:

Report on Missions.

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christianity, and is undivided. The world is its field, but in order to systematize the work, the Baptists represented by the Southern Baptist Convention have divided the work under four heads, designated as Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions and Associational Missions. By Foreign Missions we mean what is commonly known as heathen lands, by Home Missions we mean the territory embraced by the Southern Baptist Convention, with Cuba; by State Missions we mean the work done within the State of Mississippi, and by the term Associational Missions we mean the mission work done within the bounds of this Association.

As a result of the labors of the Foreigh Mission Board, by the grace of God, there were 660 who professed faith and were baptized last year. The Home Mission Board reports 372 missionaries employed, 4,746 baptisms, and 139 churches organized. Mississippi Baptists gave last year to this work \$3,191. We deem State Missions as the most important part of our work.

The Baptist State Convention at its last session asked the Baptists of Mississippi to raise \$27,540 for the various divisions of our work, and have apportioned this amount among the Associations with the request that each accept the amount apportioned. To our Association has been apportioned \$375. We recommend that this body accept the apportionment, and that the Clerk be authorized to apportion the same among the churches, and notify each church of the amount apportioned to it.

We have no Associational work to report. We feel that there is need of mission work in our own bounds. There are some points

destitute of Baptist preaching. We recommend that this body appoint some suitable minister for one-fourth of his time as Associational Missionary, and that the State Board be requested to employ him, and that he work under the direction of the executive board of this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. DORRILL, J. L. MCMILLON, W. I. PHILLIPS, Committee.

By motion, T. J. Moore was appointed as associational missionary for one fourth of his time and recommended to the State Board according to the provision of the above report.

The matter that was tabled concerning the adotion of some plan for a good financial basis for the Harmony Baptist Institute was called for, and after talks and suggestions by various ones, it was

Resolved. That a committee of three be appointed to solicit friends of the Institute to subscribe sums of money not less than \$25 as a background or basis uyon which the trustees might rely in the employment of a faculty of teachers for future terms. Provided that no individual subscription shall be binding until the subscriptions shall aggregate \$1,200. It is further provided that after the trustees shall have used all diligence to make the school self-sustaining, should there be a deficit, each subscriber agree to pay towards making up said deficit in proportion to the amount he subscribes bears to the whole subscription.

It was further resolved:

That in case the committee failed to get the amount of \$1,200 subscribed and therefore this plan become a failure, then the following resolution shall be considered in effect:

Resolved, That if from any cause the Harmony Baptist Institute shall fail to prove self-sustaining, it is the opinion of this body that each church is morally bound to contribute according to ability toward making up such deficit and that in such case the trustees are hereby authorized to apportion the deficit and ask the churches to raise it.

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above referred to and were given two months in which to do the work. The amount of \$500 was subscribed by persons present.

As T. J. Moore's term of office as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harmony Baptist Institute was to expire at the closing of this session of this body, it was declared in order for this body to elect some one to fill that place. By motion, T. J. Moore was re-elected to the place.

The committee on Publications reported, and after some amendment was adopted as follows:

Report on Publications.

An enlightened people are a reading people, and for moral development to keep pace with intellectual progress, it is necessary to restrain the use of impure and doubtful literature, and to encourage only that known to be sound and morally elevating. Many of the sensational books and periodicals so easily obtained and eagerly read by our young people are like breakers that cover unseen rocks, making only wrecks.

We therefore recommend, first of all, the Holy Bible, to be read and searched, using such helps as are deemed safe. We note with pleasure the improvement made in the Baptist Record, the paper of our own creation, and urge our members to take it and read it more than they have done in the past. For Sunday Schools we recommend our Southern Baptist Convention literature. We also recommend the Orphanage Gem, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Baptist Layman.

S. W. MOORE,

J. F. CADENHEAD,

W. C. SESSUMS, Committee.

-hBy motion, the body took recess until 1:30 P. M. for

Afternoon Session.

The Association was led in prayer by \$. H. Kirkland.
The report of the committee on Queries and Requests
read and adopted as follows:

Report on Queries and Requests.

Your committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to report that

we find no queries. Two churches are requesting the next meeting of the Association to be held with them, to-wit: Walnut Grove and Good Hope (Madison.) We recommend Walnut Grove.

P. C. BARNETT,
A. B. COLEMAN,
C. C. ANDERSON, Committee.

By motion, the body went into the election of a delegate to represent the Association in the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. T. E. Morris was chosen delegate with A. H. Langston alternate.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the delegate (or his alternate in case he fail to go) a sufficient amount to defray necessary expenses, provided there shall be that amount in the Associational treasury at the time; and provided further that should the expenses run higher than \$30 the Treasurer is not to pay more than that amount.

The following report was read and adopted:

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations recommend that L. F. Gregory be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with J. M. Dotson alternate.

We recommend that the next meeting of the Executive Board be held with New Hope church, to begin on Friday at 10 A. M. before the fifth Sunday in January, 1898.

We recommend that you appoint the following named brethren as members of your next Executive Board, and ask each church to appoint one additional member:

CARTHAGE—N. F. Wallace.
CENTER HILL—J. B. Fulton.
CROSS ROADS—C. C. Anderson.
FRIENDSHIP—M. P. Hendrick.
GOOD HOPE (Madison)—J. F. Kernop.
GOOD HOPE (Leake)—J. N. Denson.
HEBRON—R. H. Akkinson.
MT. ZION—J. A. Thomas.
MT. ZION (Choctaw)—Allen Willis.
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THOMASTOWN—George Yeager.
WALNUT GROVE—B. W. Ferguson.
STUMP BRIDGE—A. B. Coleman.
NEW PROVIDENCE—S. W. Waggoner.
HOPEWELL (Choctaw)—W. P. S. Thombie.
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WAKE FOREST—James Lesley.

J. A. HENRY,
W. M. COTTEN,
T. J. MEADER, Committee.

The report on Temperance was read, discussed by the chairman of the committee, and adopted as follows:

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report: That they have nothing new to report on this subject. For so much could be written, and has already been written upon it, to engage in a lengthy dissertation would be a repetition of what has already been well said. That temperance is one of the grand reforms, if not the grandest reform to which the attention of the public may be called, goes without the saying.

As to the demoralizing tendency of the whiskey traffic, we quote from Dr. H. F Sproles: "During my five years service as chaplain of the penitentiary, fully nine-tenths of the young white men who came to the prison, were sent there as the result of whiskey—that is, for crimes committed while under the influence of liquor themselver, or that were brought by men who were under its influence." This is truly a frightful showing, when it can be said nine-tenths of the crimes committed can be charged to whiskey as the procuring cause.

Not only is this true, and while men are crying hard times, yet the annual amount spent for whiskey exceeds the cost of missions, public education and meat and bread all together. Here are the figures on it: Home and foreign missions, \$5,500,000; public education, \$850,000,000; meat and bread, \$820,000,000; total, \$910,000,000. Now for liquor alone, \$1,200,000,000. No comment is necessary on these figures. They speak for themselves.

But your committee has the satisfaction to report that the whisky traffic is being rapidly exterminated from our state. Five years ago we had thirty-four wet counties in this state; now there are thirteen only. Your committee further express the opinion that every church and every church member should give all moral aid to stamp it entirely out, and especially frown upon "blind tigers" and illicit distilling, and give to the officers of the law all their moral support in bringing to justice any offenders in these respects.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DUNN, Chairman.

R. H. ADKINSON,

J. D. GROSS.

The report on State of Religion was read and adopted as follows:

Report on State of Religion.

You committee begs leave to make the following report: The best information we can get from the letters and delegates from the various churches, religion is on the upgrade. One of the proofs is, there has been more money paid to the pastors and to the mission cause than heretofore. We are led to believe that where churches have taken an active part in the advancement of Christ's cause, they have been greatly blessed.

Many churches have reported gracious revivals and that God has blessed them abundantly. Respectfully.

J. R. FLOWERS,

H. T. STEWART, J. S. McCORKLE.

A collection was taken for Plymouth church to aid in building a house of worship and \$9 was contributed.

Committee on Finance reported what can be seen by reference to "Financial Table" in another part of this book, which was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read. Chairman of the committee called special attention to that part of the report referring to the importance of all our schools being represented at each meeting of the county Sunday school convention. The report was adopted as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that upon inquiry we find that Sunday schools are conducted in many of our churches; in some, however, they exist for only a part of the year.

This work is, to a great extent, neglected. In a majority of our churches we have preaching once a month—one day in thirty we engage in public worship. That we may follow the example of Him whose custom it was to go into the synagogue every Sabbath, we think our churches can engage in no better work than this. We recommend.

1. That the pastor and deacons of each church (where no Sunday school now exists) take active steps to organize one immediately.

2. That every member of every church of our Association become an active member of a Sunday school.

3. That we strive to make each Sunday school a band of Bible students.

4. That each Sunday school become a member of our county Sunday school organization.

5. That we ask Christ to become the superintendent of our schools and go to Him for direction in all its work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. HENDRICK, Chairman.

A. L. Morris, chairman of the committee, read the report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College, which after some interesting remarks was adopted as is seen below.

Pending the adoption of this report the following trypledges to assist Brother Stewart, a young minister, to attend the Harmony Baptist Institute at Lena, during the present session, were recorded as follows:

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Friendship		5 00
Mt. Carmal	 	5 00
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Report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.

The committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College beg to report that we have no statistics upon which to base a report, of as much importance as the present one.

We desire to emphasize the importance of the systematic training of our young ministers in Mississippi College.

We believe that the commission "Go preach the gospel to every creature" comes to us, to-day, with greater force than ever before, and demands that we hold up the hands of our ministerial brethren, God's servants by greater personal sacrifices; so that they may the better prepare themselves for their life work.

We are very much gratified at the progress and interest manifested by our Choctaw brethren. We bid them "God speed" in their work and promise them that their white brethren stand willing and ready to help in any way that may be necessary. We are always glad to have them with us, and hope that our meeting together may encourage them to renewed effort and zeal in the Master's kingdom.

We also desire to call the body's earnest and prayerful consideration of our relations to our colored brethren. It is a question that comes our every door, a responsibility that we cannot evade. Shall it be said that the colored Baptists of the South do not know the distinctive faith of Baptist. We think it opportune that each of our ministerial brethren (white) begin in their own community to indoctinate the colored Baptists. If practicable, would suggest that they hold an institute for the especial benefit of our colored ministers; similar to that among our white ministers. The colored brethren are anxious for this movement; ready to be taught. We await with great eagerness the first step in this direction.

We are glad to be able to offer to our young ministerial brethren the advantages of our Harmony Baptist Institute, the cherished off-spring of this Association. It facilities are maximum; its expenses are minimum. The moral atmosphere around about is excellent. We ask our brethren in our and contiguous territory to attend this institution and be prepared here at home to enter the junior year at Mississippi College—that grand old institution that is leaving its impress upon our Baptist cause, and is the bulwark of our higher christian education.

Respectfully, your servants,

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Report on Woman's Work.

We believe woman to be a great factor in spreading the gospel, and especially in foreign lands. We believe that the success of our missionary work largely depends upon the work of our noble women. Only three churches report missionary societies. Therefore we would request all pastors to try to get the sisters to organize at once.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE NUTT, R. W. BARRETT, HILBURN ELLINGTON.

Report on Resolutions.

The following Resolutions were read by J. N. Denson and passed by unanimous votes:

RESOLVED, That any of the members of this Association who will attend meetings of the bodies with which we are in fraternal correspondence, to be held between this and our next meeting, are hereby authorized to act as messengers from us.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Friendship church and community for the hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors have been entertained during the session of this body.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk and Treasurer be allowed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) for his services, and that he draw on the treasury for the same.

The body then adjourned to meet with Walnut Grove Baptist church on Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M. before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1898.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

T. J. MOORE, Clerk.

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The committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College beg to report that we have no statistics upon which to base a report, of as much importance as the present one.

We desire to emphasize the importance of the systematic training of our young ministers in Mississippi College.

We believe that the commission "Go preach the gospel to every creature" comes to us, to-day, with greater force than ever before, and demands that we hold up the hands of our ministerial brethren, God's servants by greater personal sacrifices; so that they may the better prepare themselves for their life work.

We are very much gratified at the progress and interest manifested by our Choctaw brethren. We bid them "God speed" in their work and promise them that their white brethren stand willing and ready to help in any way that may be necessary? We are always glad to have them with us, and hope that our meeting together may encourage them to renewed effort and zeal in the Master's kingdom.

We also desire to call the body's earnest and prayerful consideration of our relations to our colored brethren. It is a question that comes our every door, a responsibility that we cannot evade. Shall it be said that the colored Baptists of the South do not know the distinctive faith of Baptist. We think it opportune that each of our ministerial brethren (white) begin in their own community to indoctrinate the colored Baptists. If practicable, would suggest that they hold an institute for the especial benefit of our colored ministers; similar to that among our white ministers. The colored brethren are anxious for this movement; ready to be taught. We await with great eagerness the first step in this direction.

We are glad to be able to offer to our young ministerial brethren the advantages of our Harmony Baptist Institute, the cherished offspring of this Association. It facilities are maximum; its expenses are minimum. The moral atmosphere around about is excellent. We ask our brethren in our and contiguous territory to attend this institution and be prepared here at home to enter the junior year at Mississippi College—that grand old institution that is leaving its impress upon our Baptist cause, and is the bulwark of our higher christian education.

Respectfully, your servants,

A. L. MORRIS,

T. B. WILLIAMS,

V. G. EVANS.

Report on Woman's Work

We believe woman to be a great factor in spreading the gospel, and especially in foreign lands. We believe that the success of our missionary work largely depends upon the work of our noble women. Only three churches report missionary societies. Therefore we would request all pastors to try to get the sisters to organize at once.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE NUTT, R. W. BARRETT, HILBURN ELLINGTON.

Report on Resolutions.

The following Resolutions were read by J. N. Denson and passed by unanimous votes:

RESOLVED. That any of the members of this Association who will attend meetings of the bodies with which we are in fraternal correspondence, to be held between this and our next meeting, are hereby authorized to act as messengers from us

RESOLVED. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Friendship church and dommunity for the hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors have been entertained during the session of this body.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk and Treasurer be allowed Fifteen Dellars (\$15) for his services, and that he draw on the treasury for the same.

The body then adjourned to meet with Walnut Grove Baptist church on Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M. before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1898.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

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